

St. Marys - 355
Zion ME Church
Rt. 235
Lexington Park, MD 20653

1881, 1956

Access: Public

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

SM-355
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Zion M.E. Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Hermanville Road

CITY, TOWN

Lexington Park

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

☒ VICINITY OF (Hermanville)

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

St. Marys

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☒ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☒ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Trustees, Zion UM Church
C/O Rev. Victor O. Johnson

Telephone #: 872-5831

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

St. Inigoes

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
MD, 20684

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. St. Mary's Co. Court House

Liber #: Unable to
Folio #: locate

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Leonardtown

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

N/A

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED

1881-
 DATE 1956

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The present structure was built around part of the old church in 1956. Zion ME Church stands 35' from the west side of Rt. 235, the building faces east. The church is constructed of cinder block. It measures 56' across the front facade and is 180' in depth. The building is gabled (East-West). There is a gabled entrance foyer that measures 18' across the front and is 8' in depth. Two concrete steps lead to the double doors (wooden) at the entrance. There are two windows (one on either side of the foyer) in the front facade. These windows have one clear-glass center pane and 12 colored lights that surround that pane. These windows are 3'. There are 4 2-over-2 clear-glass windows in the south side of the building and four more in the north side. An addition has been added on the west end of the building to serve as a Sunday School and Hall.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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DATE

STREET & NUMBER

20 Dean St.

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

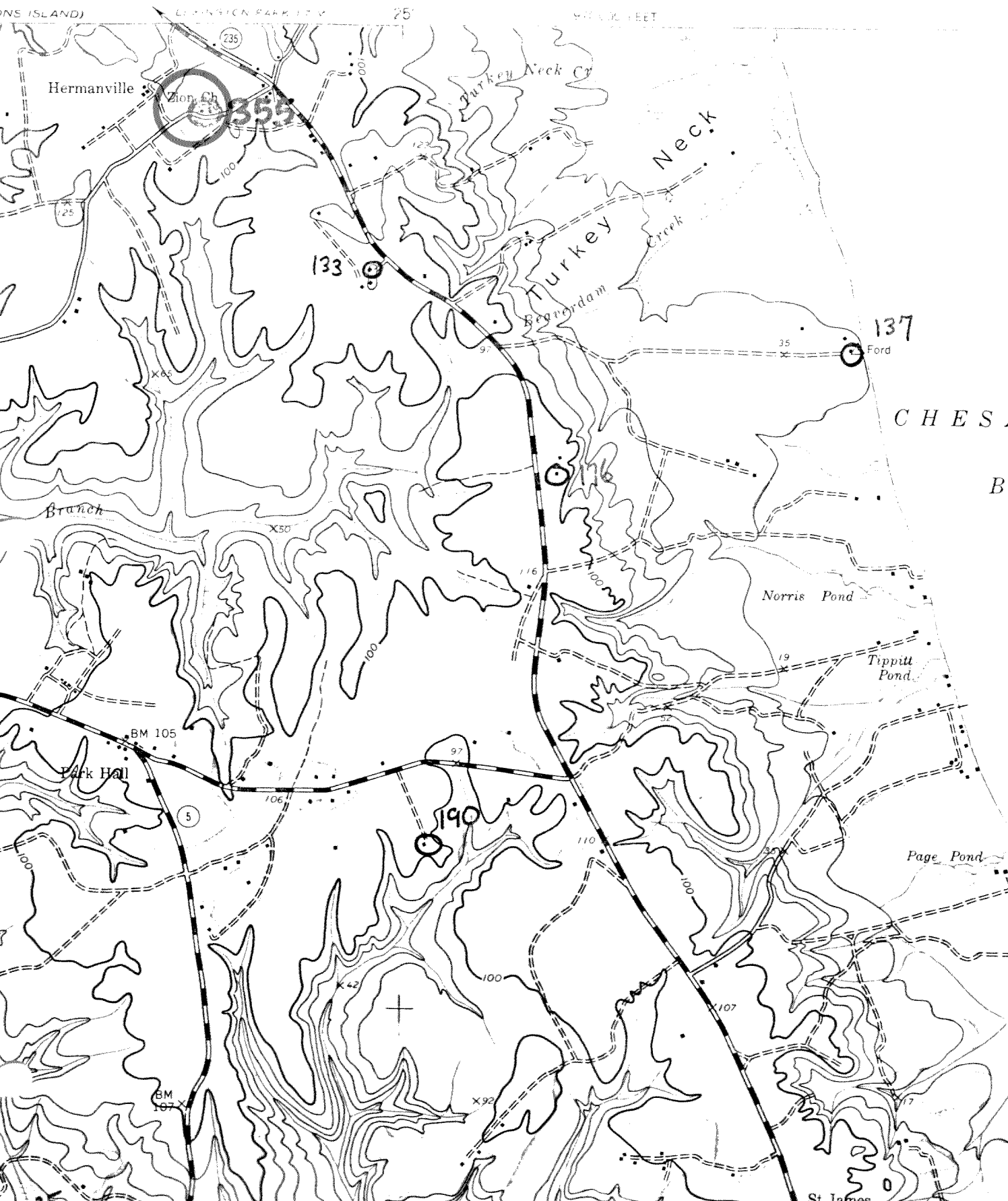
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ST. MARYS CITY
MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES
NW/4 POINT LOC-60.7







ZION
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

COMMUNION on SUNDAY
REV. CARL HICKENSON

Zion Methodist Episcopal Church (Site) SM-355
Lexington Park, St. Mary's County, MD
Michael Hosford

Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD
East elevation
2/81



Zion Methodist Episcopal Church (Site) SM-355
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